SENATE BILL 274

By Tracy

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 41 and Title 55, Chapter 50, relative to identification cards issued by the department of correction.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 41, Chapter 1, Part 1, is amended by adding the following language as a new section:

§ 41-1-124.

(a) The department of correction is authorized to issue an identification card to inmates upon their release from state custody. The identification card shall be valid for one (1) year from the date of issuance and no card shall be eligible for renewal. The identification card shall be clearly distinguishable from a driver license and shall clearly display on its face a phrase substantially similar to the following:

"FOR IDENTIFICATION PURPOSES ONLY, NOT VALID FOR VEHICULAR OPERATION".

(b) The fee for the identification card shall be six dollars (\$6.00). The commissioner may waive the fee, in the commissioner's discretion, for any inmate upon a showing of indigency or other good cause.

SECTION 2. The commissioner of correction is authorized to promulgate rules and regulations to effectuate the purposes of this act. All such rules and regulations shall be promulgated in accordance with the provisions of Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 4, Chapter 5.

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.